



## Three More Work Projects Completed



Clean up project at the Moanalua house. Clockwise from left: Dick Wong, Dan and Ethel Takamatsu.

The Club's clean up crew of Dan and Ethel Takamatsu, Bev and Dick Wong, Wayne Kim, Phil Chun and Willie Wong continued to bring in income for the club by completing two projects. The first involved cleaning the driveway and windows at a house in Moanalua and then cutting and removing a lot of brush and plants in a yard located in Nuuanu.

The first project included the power washing a driveway and cleaning jalousie window panes around the house. The second involved clearing away the

bush and small trees on a steep incline and clearing vegetation on a river embankment. A third project had Bev and Dick, Dan and Ethel and Ethel's sister Jean cleaning out a front yard in Hawaii Kai. Jean also helped with the window washing project.

These three projects will bring \$1200 into the club's Treasury. Over \$3400 has been earned over the past year from these projects. Much thanks to the hard working crews who sacrificed much time and labor to help the club. ▼

## Kalihi YMCA Reaches 75% of Goal

After two report meetings, the Kalihi Branch YMCA has secured \$57,628 from 723 donors, or 75% of its \$75,000 goal. Of this amount the Y's Men's Team accounted for 48 members and \$10,932. This was secured by only four of the eight team members working this year. Four team members

have yet to report. Members are urged to drop off their completed reports by Thursday, March 12, at the Kalihi YMCA. All team members are asked to turn out for the ASC Victory Dinner on March 21, 6:00 p.m. The Kalihi YMCA needs your support, to keep the teen programs functioning in the face

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### HAPPENINGS

#### March

- 9 Membership Meeting
- 12 Final Report ASC—Drop Off
- 21 Regional Convention Meeting  
Kalihi YMCA, 1:00 p.m.
- 21 ASC Victory Dinner  
Kalihi YMCA, 6:00 p.m.

### CELEBRATIONS

#### Happy Birthday!

#### February

- 17 Dan Takamatsu
- 18 Sally Wong

#### March

- 12 Tony Pfaltzgraff
- 22 Anna Lacuesta
- 24 Tom Kusatsu

#### Happy Anniversary!

#### February

- 7 Ray & JoAnn Takeshita
- 27 Phil & Mei-Chih Chun

#### March

- 4 Tony Pfaltzgraff &  
Charlene Young
- 24 Bev and Dick Wong

### LAUGH A LITTLE, LIVE LONGER

## IDIOT SIGHTINGS

1. We had to have the garage door repaired. The Sears repairman told us that one of our problems was that we did not have a "large" enough motor on the opener. I thought for a minute, and said that we had the largest one Sears made at that time, a 1/2 horsepower. He shook his head and said, "Lady, you need a 1/4 horsepower." I responded that 1/2 was larger than 1/4. He said, "NO, it's not." Four is larger

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## Club Meeting Notes

**Third Quarter club President**, Sally Wong, took over the reigns from Wayne Kim.

Camp Erdman Executive Director Josh Heimowitz announced that Camp has received an award to build a “green playground” at camp, but needs the help of Y’s Men to assist with the planning and construction of this Community-Build Playspace project.

Eddie Miwa gave an informative and moving eulogy at Mike Lacuessta’s funeral.

All those attending the joint club Christmas party agreed that it was a

very nice event and recommended that it be continued. Members contributed \$100 for a needy family selected by the Y staff, and President Wayne received a thank you note from the family. Tony reported that the Kalihi Y conducted a very successful camp for 140 at-risk teens from all over the island. The Kalihi Y also had the majority of participants in the annual Youth Model Legislature program this year, with 50 of the 65 participants. Kalihi Branch is still the leader in the Honolulu Y in working with teenagers.

The date for painting the lanai floors at the Y will be set at the next meeting. ▼

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## 75% of Goal *(cont’d from p. 1)*

of a down economy. Much thanks to all of our campaign volunteers, including Ethel Takamatsu, team captain, Dick Wong, Phil Chun, Tony Pfaltzgraff, Wayne Kim, Sally Wong, Greg Lee and Eddie Miwa. Serving on the Kalihi Board teams are Dan Takamatsu and Tom Kusatsu, while Sunny Young served on the Camp Board team. ▼

### International News

Phil Sammer, U.S. Area President Elect, will be attending the 23rd Asia Area Convention in Colombo, Sri Lanka, to be held July 31-August 2, 2009.

### Regional/Metro District News

The Metro District Council agreed the joint Christmas party was a great success and decided to hold another next year. The registration forms for the Regional Convention have been e-mailed to all Region members, so Y’s Men and Women of all nine clubs in the Region are urged to make plans to attend. Participants will be housed at the Ilima Hotel, while meals will be at the Miramar Hotel, just a few blocks away. The Convention will take place on a Saturday/Sunday this year, instead of the old Friday, Saturday, Sunday format, to help increase attendance.

The final Metro Council Meeting will be held at the Faith Church, next door to the Windward YMCA, at 6:30 p.m., on Wednesday, March 25. This will be the Metro District Conference, and there will be no charge for the meal.

The next meeting of the Regional Convention Planning Committee will take place on Saturday, March 21, 1:00 p.m. at the Kalihi YMCA. Chairman Walter Osakoda has asked that clubs give progress reports for their convention planning responsibilities. Bev Wong will chair the Convention Booklet committee, with help of Dan and Ethel Takamatsu.



## Nuuanu Clean-up Project

Above: **Dan Takamatsu** clears vegetation on stream embankment, about 25 feet below street level. Right: **Bev, Wayne and Ethel** bag some of the rubbish.



## Idiot Sightings *(continued from page 1)*

than two....” We haven’t used Sears repair since.

2. My daughter and I went through the McDonald’s take-out window and I gave the clerk a \$5 bill. Our total was \$4.25, so I also handed her a quarter. She said, “you gave me too much money.” I said, “Yes I know, but this way you can just give me a dollar bill back.” She sighed and went to get the manager who asked me to repeat my request. I did so, and he handed me back the quarter, and said “We’re sorry but they could not do that kind of thing.” The clerk then proceeded to give me back \$1 and 75 cents in change.... Do not confuse the clerks at McD’s.

3. I live in a semi rural area. We recently had a new neighbor call the local township administrative office to request the removal of the DEER CROSSING sign on our road. The reason: “Too many deer are being hit by cars out here! I don’t think this is a good place for them to be crossing anymore.”

4. My daughter went to a local Taco Bell and ordered a taco. She asked the

person behind the counter for “minimal lettuce”. He said he was sorry, but they only had iceberg lettuce.

5. I was at the airport, checking in at the gate when an airport employee asked, “Has anyone put anything in your baggage without your knowledge?” To which I replied, “If it was without my knowledge, how would I know? He smiled knowingly and nodded, “That’s why we ask.”

6. The stoplight on the corner buzzes when it’s safe to cross the street. I was crossing with an intellectually challenged coworker of mine. She asked if I knew what the buzzer was for. I explained that it signals blind people when the light is red. Appalled, she responded, “What on earth are blind people doing driving?” (She was a probation officer)

7. At a good-bye luncheon for an old and dear coworker: She was leaving the company due to “downsizing.” Our manager commented cheerfully, “This is fun. We should do this more often.”

Not another word was spoken. We all just looked at each other with that deer-in-the-headlights stare. This was lunch at Texas Instruments.

8. I work with an individual who plugged her power strip back into itself and for the sake of her life, couldn’t understand why her system would not turn on. A deputy with the Dallas County Sheriffs office, no less.

9. When my husband and I arrived at an automobile dealership to pick up our car, we were told the keys had been locked in it. We went to the service department and found a mechanic working feverishly to unlock the driver side door. As I watched from the passenger side, I instinctively tried the door handle and discovered that it was unlocked. “Hey,” I announced to the technician, “its open”. His reply, “I know. I already got that side.” This was at a Ford dealership in Canton, MS.

STAY ALERT! They walk among us... and the scary part is that they VOTE and they REPRODUCE!!! ▼

## All in a Day’s Work

Club members take a well-earned lunch break at the Nuuanu yard clean-up project.



## Thought of the Day

To: Your friends and those who just passed by

Those who look up to you for encouragement

Those who need you at their side

Those who made you laugh when you needed somebody

Those who show you encouragement when you are down

Those that left a mark on your life.

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